GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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Vulnerable Tribal Groups
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified vulnerable tribal groups in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(c) the steps being taken for the welfare of the said tribal groups?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) & (b): At present there are 75 tribal groups identified and categorized as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), (earlier known as Primitive Tribal Groups). The State/UT-wise names of PVTGs are at Annexure.
(c): In addition to the schemes broadly covering all Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry implements a Central Sector Scheme known as "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)", which has been revised w.e.f. 1st April, 2015, under which the Ministry provides 100% financial assistance through State Governments for activities including housing, land distribution and land development, agricultural development, animal husbandry, construction of link roads, installation of non-conventional sources of energy or other innovative activity, for the comprehensive socio-economic development of PVTGs, based on Conservation-cum-Development (CCD) Plan prepared by the concerned State Governments on the basis of assessment of their requirements. Under the Scheme, priority is accorded for their protection and improvement in terms of the social indicators like livelihood, health, nutrition and education, so as to decrease their vulnerability.